

CHAPTER 350: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

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351 OBJECTIVES

The purpose of DNRC cooperative agreements is to permit DNRC to cooperate with other public agencies and the private sector in order to best to carry out DNRC activities. Cooperative agreements are written to do such activities as:

1. Cooperate with other public agencies in prescribed fire activities and in preventing, detecting, and suppressing wildland fires in intermingled and adjacent lands.
2. Provide DNRC assistance to cooperating counties in planning, organizing, equipping, training, and operating county wildland fire protection programs.
3. Provide for DNRC facility use on ground space owned by others.

352 RESPONSIBILITIES

When assigned, the Incident Management Team Finance Section Chief need not be concerned with cooperative agreements in total, but should be informed by the responsible Land Office of those provisions in any relevant local agreements that may have a bearing on incident business management and related record-keeping.

The Incident Management Team Finance Section Chief is responsible to the Incident Commander for obtaining all relevant existing local agreement provisions and for ensuring compliance with those agreement items pertaining to finance. The Incident Commander may assign other relevant agreement provisions to other portions of the fire organization.

Land offices in turn are responsible for maintaining a current and complete file of any locally negotiated and/or locally applicable agreements; for determining the applicability of any existing agreements to a given fire area; and for advising the Incident Management Team Finance Section Chief of any relevant agreement provisions.

353 AGREEMENTS IN FORCE

DNRC agreements in force are fully summarized in the DNRC Fire Authorization – 200 Manual, Sections 204 - 207. (See listing on following page.)

STATE OF MONTANA WILDLAND FIRE AGREEMENTS

(Agreements currently in place or agreements that will be signed by 06/01/05)

- Montana Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement (Six-Party)
- 2005 Montana FEMA-STATE Agreement for the Fire Management Assistance Grant Program
- Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement (Northwest Compact)
- The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)
- Fire Protection Agreement Between State of Montana, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Region
- Fire Protection Agreement Between State of Montana, Department of State Lands and U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation
- Memorandum of Agreement Between Montana Department of Military Affairs, Montana National Guard and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Forestry Division
- Memorandum of Understanding Between the Forestry Division and the Trust Lands management Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- Interagency Agreement between the Montana Department of Corrections and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- Memorandum of Understanding Between the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Montana Department of Transportation
- Operating Plan for Montana, South Dakota and North Dakota Fire Assistance
- Interstate Mutual Aid Compact Between The State of Idaho and The State of Montana
- Interstate Mutual Aid Compact Between the States of Montana and Washington

Some agreements can be found on this website:

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/fire/business/agreements.asp>